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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Ragnar Österlund et al.

Application No. --

Art Unit: -

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For: A METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING A METAL-  
OXIDE VARISTOR WITH  
IMPROVED ENERGY  
ABSORPTION CAPABILITY



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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The relevance of Swedish Patent 466 826 is discussed in the specification and in the attached English translation of the abstract. The relevance of German patent 2 365 232 is also discussed in the specification and U.S. patent 3,872,582 and U.S. patent 3,905,006 correspond to German patent 2 365 232.

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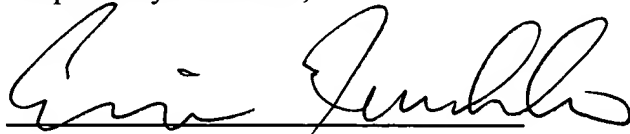
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Respectfully submitted,



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